

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7, as follows:

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Apparatuses of the type concerned in the invention are used, e.g., in the storage systems of various board products. One such apparatus is described in WO 96/20121. The apparatus includes a storage area in which units of stacked bundles are stored. The end-to-end stored stacks of units form a storage row. The number of successive stacks in a storage row, as well as the number of parallel storage rows, may be varied as required. The units are stacked on a support bed or a pallet. A stacker carrier is arranged to move the stacked units and their support beds in the storage area. The stacker carrier is of a so-called lukki-type straddle carrier in which the unit to be lifted and transferred is held between the high-rise legs of the straddle carrier chassis. The straddle carrier is adapted to move along a track of rails. The straddle carrier includes a lift device suited for moving the stacked units of boards with their support beds to the storage stacks and away therefrom. The lift device of the straddle carrier includes grip members, or grabbers, connected to each other at their upper ends by transverse beams. Due to the structure of the lift device and other accessories, this straddle carrier embodiment of a conventional construction needs substantial extra space about its upper end. Moreover, the construction of the lift device allows the straddle carrier when unloaded to be elevated to its desired operating height only at its target location.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 31, and ending on page 2, line 3, as follows:

B₃ The invention is principally characterized by lift units adapted to the opposite sides of the stacker carrier, said lift units being individually movable and arranged to cooperate so as to elevate/lower the units of boards resting on a support bed.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 8, as follows:

B₄ The arrangement according to the invention has a number of significant benefits. The space required by the apparatus has been reduced substantially. The combination according to the invention of a support bed with cooperating grip members provides a construction which is superior to the prior art in simplicity and reliability. The stacker carrier according to the invention offers a more efficient utilization of a storage area. Moreover, the construction costs of the apparatus are reduced. The operating speed of the apparatus has been improved inasmuch as the unloaded grip members can be moved in the vertical direction during the travel of the stacker carrier unhindered by the board stacks resting in the storage area. As a result, a storage capacity vastly greater than that available in the prior art is attained.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 8, as follows:

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In Fig. 1 is shown an embodiment suitable for utilizing an apparatus according to the invention. The embodiment comprises a storage area 1 in which stacked units 2 of boards are stored in stacks. The successive board stacks 3 form a storage row. The number of successive stacks of units in a row, as well as the number of parallel storage rows, may be varied as required. The stacked units 2 are stacked on a support bed 4, referred to below as a "pallet". Transfer of the units 2 and the pallets 4 in the storage is arranged by means of a stacker carrier 5. The stacker carrier 5 is advantageously of the wheeled straddle carrier type also known as a lukki carrier, whereby the stacked unit to be lifted and transferred is moved elevated between the high-rise wheeled legs of the stacker carrier. The stacker carrier is arranged to move along a track 6 formed by, e.g., rails with the help of conventional drive means. The stacker carrier 5 is equipped with a lift device capable of moving the units with their pallets into the storage stacks 3 and off the storage stacks, respectively. Each storage row is situated between a pair of adjacent rails 6 forming a track, whereby the storage row is laid between the wheeled legs of the stacker carrier. The storage system further includes a unit handling arrangement 7. This unit handling arrangement is provided with transfer means for receiving a stacked unit 2 from e.g., the board manufacturing lines and forwarding the same to further handling.
